

## FARMERS' FREE LIST BILL HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE SENATE

**Democratic Tariff Program Moves Closer to the President Through Action of the Upper House.**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The democratic tariff program was moved up closer to President Taft yesterday when the senate, by another remarkable coalition of democrats and republican insurgents, passed a farmers' free list bill after voting down the original house measure so closely that one more democratic senator would have changed the result, and left the entire revision issue squarely before the president.

"The unholy alliance," as the combination of the republican wing and the democratic party has been called, swept aside a host of amendments, voted down by a tie vote the original house measure and then carried, by a surprising vote of strength, a measure differing from the house bill only in comparatively unimportant particulars.

Now the bill goes back to the house, and Democratic Leader Underwood, of that body, last night confidently asserted that it will be finally agreed to in conference between the two houses and sent to President Taft. It is not certain that the house will insist on a conference, for many prominent democratic representatives, believing that the bill has not been materially changed, are urging that the house accept the senate bill without controversy and rush the first of the tariff measure up to the president.

"I think the bill will go to President Taft," said Leader Underwood. "I am not sure it will be sent to conference! I certainly see nothing to prevent the two houses from reaching an agreement upon its final form."

Had Senator Bailey of Texas voted with his democratic associates, or had Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia, senator-elect from that state, been on hand and voted his party the free list bill would have passed the senate unchanged and could have been in the hands of President Taft last night.

Mr. Bailey announced last night that he hoped the privilege of casting the deciding vote would fall to him in order to show his opposition. Mr. Smith has insisted all along that he would not leave Georgia at this time to assume his seat in the senate.

The house free list bill was beaten on a tie vote of 39 to 39, was

### ONE AGAINST MANY.

A Nevada mining man who has recently gone through the Porcupine camp, is impressed with the fact that big capital is needed in that section, as he puts it, "to build cufferdams and pump the bottom lands dry so the prospector can move around." He says, parenthetically, that the mosquitoes, black flies and gnats have not troubled him. In other words, he simply confirms all that has been said about Porcupine as being essentially a rich man's camp and not a place where a prospector can make a few shipments and pay for his existence for six months, until he can find some other rich ore.

Porcupine, in the estimation of its most persistent friends, will always be a low-grade camp. The Nevada mining man was evidently sorely misinformed when he sojourned to the north with the expectation of finding a myriad of duplications of Goldfield Consolidated in Porcupine. At the same time, instead of there eventually being one mine in Porcupine, as there is at Goldfield, there is a likelihood of there being as numerous as the quills that add to the threatening raiment of the armor-plated animal from which the camp takes its name.—New York Mining Age.

### STRANGE INDIANS PASS THROUGH RESERVATION

Sheriff Lamb a day or two ago received a letter from Superintendent Hoover, of the McDermitt Indian agency stating that he had been told by some of his wards that a party of four braves and three squaws had passed through the reservation, traveling westward. From the fact that one of the strangers was recognized as a brother of Indian Mike who was killed in the battle of Clover valley last winter, it is surmised that the Indians may be on the warpath. Sheriff Lamb forwarded the letter to Sheriff Ferrel, at Reno.—Silver State.

## WORK MOVING STEADILY ALONG AT NEVADA WONDER

**DEVELOPMENT IS PROCEEDING  
WITHOUT HITCH—NOW  
READY.**

Nothing especially new or startling occurred at the Nevada Wonder during the week. The work of developing the ore body is proceeding without interruption, and since the machines were placed in commission much better progress is being made. Drifts are being pushed forward on all the levels, and raising is in progress from the 70 to 200 levels.

The mine has been sufficiently opened up to supply the mill with ore, and were it not for the difficulty experienced in procuring necessary supplies the mill would now be crushing ore. The supplies needed are on the way, and before another week rolls around the mill should be in commission.

Many minor improvements are being made at the mine and at the mill site.

A small building has been put up for the storage of the lime supply, and another one, some distance away from the other buildings, for lubricating oils, etc. Pipes have been run to the change room to supply the men with hot and cold water for convenience in cleaning up when coming off shift.

At one end of the machine shop a store room for supplies has been fitted up with shelves, boxes and bins, and as hardware arrives it is being systematically arranged, so that at a moment's notice the storekeeper may put his hand on any article needed. Supplies are being steadily added to the stock. Owing to the distance from a base of supplies it will be necessary to carry a very complete stock of hardware.

Ten additional mine ore cars have been ordered and are on the way. Quite number of men have arrived in camp, expert mill hands, to take charge of various departments in the mills.

The assay office, which was heretofore situated down on the flat, is now up on the hillside, convenient to mine and mill. It is fitted up with power-driven pulverizing machinery, and some important additions have been made to the equipment.

Much picking up and systematizing of flotsam and jetsam is going on in all directions.—Wonder Mining News.

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### RESUME COUNT OF BALLOTS.

Monday morning the counting of the ballots in the election contest was resumed, Elko county being taken up. The members of the supreme court announced several days ago that they would make ruling relative to the costs and to whom they were to be assessed. The court at the morning session stated that owing to a number of authorities being submitted and the complication of the case that they would render the decision relative to costs at a later date from the bench.

There is a story about that Jarbidge precinct would contain a number of doubtful ballots. These ballots are supposed to be pencil marked instead of a rubber stamp being used. The contesting parties in order to determine the exact condition of the ballots took up Jarbidge.

Upon investigation and as the counting of the Jarbidge ballots proceed, it has been shown that there are but few ballots that will be rejected. There are possibly six or eight of the pencil-marked sheets. This is a considerable difference between the actual facts and what was supposed to be the case. In this precinct Springmeyer has a large lead over Baker in the original election returns.

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